

DC-97

PSYCHOLOGY DEPARTMENT
REFERRAL FORM

To be completed by referring staff member:

Referring Staff Member:

Date: 5/20/02 Time:

Inmate Name:

Number: C23518

Purpose of Referral:

Evaluate for annual 3 code review
to maintain or discontinue.

To be completed by Psychology Department

Receive Date:

Time:

Action Taken:

Psychological Interview ☒ [Y/N] Date: 5/29/02
Psychological Report ☒ [Y/N] Date: 6/21/02
Psychiatric Referral ☒ [Y/N] Date:

Psychologist:

Ms. Eckenrode

Date:

5/29/02
6/21/02

CC:

Referral Source

Counselor

File

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR
THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA**

ANTHONY DeFRANCO,
Plaintiff,

V.

WILLIAM WOLFE, et al.,
Defendants.

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: No. C.A. 04-230-E
: Magistrate Judge Baxter
: District Judge Cohill
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**DEFENDANT'S RESPONSE TO
PLAINTIFF'S FIRST INTERROGATORIES
TO DEFENDANT STEVE REILLY, CHIEF PSYCHOLOGIST**

In accordance with Rule 33 of Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, plaintiff requests that defendant answer the following interrogatories under oath, and that the answers be signed by the person making them and be served on plaintiff within 30 days.

If you cannot answer the following interrogatories in full, after exercising due diligence to secure the information to do so, so state and answer to the extent possible, specifying your inability to answer the remainder and stating whatever information or knowledge you have concerning the unanswered portions.

These interrogatories shall be deemed continuing, so as to require supplemental answers as new and different information materializes.

1. Please state whether your Office consult with any doctors, medical or mental health, before voting to approve or remove z-codes on inmates; and do any doctors get a vote on the z-code?

ANSWER: SEE ATTACHED SHEET FOR RESPONSES.

2. Please explain how the z-code voting process works; how it is initiated and who determines whether the z-code is granted.

ANSWER:

3. Please state what mental health problems plaintiff was recorded to have in your Office in Demeber 1999 through June of 2002?

ANSWER:

4. It has become known that a Ms. Eichenlaub has purportedly stated that she was plaintiff's psychologist at a time in 2002; please state when and how many times your Office states this Ms. Eichenlaub consulted with plaintiff.

ANSWER:

5. Please state your duties of chief psychologist; do you over-see all psychologists and review what their decisions are, especially concerning the removal of z-codes?

ANSWER:

6. Does Albion have a PRT (psychiatric review team), and was plaintiff on the mental health roster in May-June of 2002?

ANSWER:

7. Is plaintiff currently on the mental health roster?

ANSWER:

8. What is the procedure at Albion as far as the psychiatric review team and who is on it?

ANSWER:

9. Was there a PRT meeting concerning the removal of plaintiff's z-code in 2002; if yes please state who.

ANSWER:

10. If there was not, please explain why.

ANSWER:

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1. The Z Code approval/removal does not routinely involve medical doctors or psychiatry. If the subject has a significant mental health history, then Psychiatry is contacted. Doctors do not vote directly on Z Code removals or approvals.

2. From a psychological perspective, Z Codes are approved or removed based on the inmate's mental health stability.

3. DC-97: Sent to the Psychology Department on May 20, 2002. It was sent by Corrections Counselor, Judy Jackson, regarding annual Z Code review. Action taken indicates panic disorder - doing time for murder - stated his family is the Dr. DeFranco family - also reports that Mr. Reilly guaranteed that he would never lose his Z Code - condescending - his medication should be addressing his need for panic disorder. Circulate vote sheet to determine continued need of Z code. Martha Eichenlaub, Psychologist 1.

DC-35 A, Inmate Requests to Staff: Sent by inmate DeFranco requesting an appointment within the Psychology Department.

Progress Note of December 20, 2002: Inmate was concerned with the threat of moving to single-cell status. Currently, inmate DeFranco is being treated for general anxiety disorder

through Psychiatry and he is member of the mental health roster. Inmate DeFranco stressed that he genuinely needed to maintain his Z Code. The subject appears in need of single-cell status at this time. Certainly treating his psychiatric needs is in the subject's best interest. It appears that inmate DeFranco is requesting reassurance that his single cell would not be abruptly removed. Maintain Z Code status for inmate. Staff for Z Code status. S. Reilly, Chief Psychologist.

DC-14, April 2, 2001: Met with inmate DeFranco filing a request he placed "to meet him as scheduled". He requested as wanting a referral to Psychiatry for an evaluation for psychotropic medication. He stated that he has been diagnosed as having a panic disorder for the past ten years. He began to have panic attacks more frequently; have been increasing in intensity. He states that he has used non-psychopharmacological interventions, but that with the increase in symptoms, these measures have not been enough lately. He states that he does not want to have to take medication every day; prefers an as-needed basis. Will place referral for psychiatry; Wendell Patz, Psychology intern.

DC-35 A, Inmate Request to Staff dated July 17, 2001: Inmate sent request slip to Psychology regarding written warnings concerning contact with his daughter in the visiting room. Superintendent responded by indicating that the inmate should consult with his primary counselor.

DC-35 A, Inmate Request to Staff and response by staff in March of 2001: Inmate requesting referral to Psychiatry.

4. One time.

5. The Chief Psychologist supervised all other Psychology staff members within the department. The Chief Psychologist is a consultant to adding or removing Z Codes.